

This Week In Correction

A weekly update of events in the Tennessee Department of Correction

2006 Tennessee Employees Charitable Campaign.

The 2006 Tennessee Employees Charitable Campaign kicked off on September 18, 2006. Each staff member should receive a brochure within the next few days. If every employee joins this year's "Buck A Week" club (\$4.33 per month), the total contribution from TDOC would be \$274,296.84. Just think; a value meal from your favorite fast food restaurant or perhaps even a medium espresso or latte from your favorite coffee shop would make a difference in so many lives. Are you willing to sacrifice one of these luxuries each month in order to make a difference in the lives of others? Let's join together and make a difference. Our goal for this year is \$30,000.

Here are the statistics for the first week:

Central Office -- \$4,331.76

TCA – No information to report

WCBC – No information to report

BMCX-No information to report

MCCX – No information to report

TPFW -- \$503.84

TCIP – No information to report

MLCC – \$150.00

CBCX –No information to report

STSR -- \$271.96

WTSP – \$120.00

RMSI -- \$1,152.80

NECX – No information to report

NWCX -- \$953.80

DSNF -- \$328.96.

Some institutions have not kicked off their campaigns as of yet. Central Office is off to a running start. Are you up to the challenge?

REMEMBERING:

Kim Daigle, Personnel Technician, Central Office, lost her mother this week. Funeral services for Faye Daigle were set for Friday, September 22 at Newby's Funeral Home in Gallatin, TN. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

ARCHITECTURE TODAY:

Warden Jewel Steele, Assistant Commissioner Jim Cosby and Director of Facilities Tom Robinson took a group of UT School of Architecture students on a tour of the Tennessee Prison for Women Saturday morning. 15 third year students are currently learning how to develop transitional housing for recently released inmates from **TPW**.



COMING THRU: Morgan County residents are getting prepared for the delivery of the new pre-cast cells being trucked in from Atlanta, Georgia starting Monday. TDOC has taken a new approach to building inmate cells which will improve the quality and security features, while shortening the overall construction time of the new **MCCX** prison.

The first delivery begins September 25, 2006 and continues until mid-October. The second delivery cycle runs from March to April, 2007.



IN THE CLOSET:



TCIP Cpl. Charles Luellen and his K-9 Mick made an interesting discovery in a broom closet during a recent sweep. After Mick indicated on the area, a search turned up 18 marijuana cigarettes (pictured below) wrapped in toilet paper. An investigation is underway.



IN THE SHOP:

This chunk of marijuana was found by **MCCX** Cpl. Danny Bunch & K-9 Abby during a search of the TRICOR embroidery shop. Abby alerted on a spool of thread which resulted in the finding 0.4 ounces of the illegal substance this week.





DEDICATION AT MLCC:

Warden Reuben Hodge presented Lieutenant Michael Dean with an award for 20 years of dedicated service. Lt. Dean has served at **MLCC** his entire career and is currently the Administrative Lieutenant.



Warden Hodge also presented Corporal James "Rick" Paratore with an award for 25 years of dedicated service. Cpl. Paratore started his career as a Correctional Officer at the old Fort Pillow Prison, which is now **WTSP**. A year later he transferred to **MLCC**. Warden Hodge wants to thank both men for their continued dedication to the Department.



MONEY TALKS:



Commissioner Little and staff spent several grueling hours in budget hearings this week with wardens from each facilities presenting their ideas and dreams for the coming year.



The days were long and tough, but they did stop long enough to enjoy lunch at the Holiday Inn Select near the airport in Nashville.



Assistant Commissioner Jim Cosby, CBCX Warden Ken Locke and Commissioner George M. Little share a laugh during a break from budget hearings.



SEEING RED AT TPW:



There was a long list of reasons for staff at **TPW** to celebrate. It included; passing the annual inspection, preparing for the next one, the arrival of fall, Friday, new red shirts. They all sounded like good reasons for a party, so why not?

The invitation said TPW staff has worked very hard to accomplish their goals, now its time to celebrate with everyone who made it possible.







Family members enjoyed the celebration as well.





QUOTES OF THE WEEK:

"If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up TOO MUCH SPACE!!"
-Submitted by Mary McNeal, Executive Secretary, Health Services.

- "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!
- -Author unknown

"It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it."

- Albert Einstein
- -Submitted by Mary Ellen Basgall, Administrative Secretary.
- The power of cleverly placed words, in unison with crafty manipulation, can quickly cloud our perception of reality and render us void of all common sense.
- -Submitted by Jerry Lester, Special Agent In Charge, Internal Affairs.